



# **Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Office Status Report of Priority Bills**

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**Status of Priority Bills  
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**Assembly Bills**

Bill No: **AB 84 (Woods) Sponsor: California Rice Industry Association & Rice Producers Association**

Subject: **State Contracts: Procurement of Recycled Paper Products**

Intro: Would include fibrous residues from agricultural cropping activities within the definition of  
12/23/96 "secondary materials" for the purpose of specified provisions.

Status: Assembly Desk.

LPEC Position: None at this time.

CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **AB 107 (Ducheny) Sponsor: Assembly Budget Committee**

Subject: **1997-98 Budget**

Intro: Would make appropriations for support of state government for the 1997-98 fiscal year.  
1/9/97

Status: Assembly Desk.

LPEC Position: None at this time.

CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **AB 116 (Runner) Sponsor: Author**

Subject: **Waste: Biological Solids: Water Quality**

Intro: Would prohibit a regional board from issuing a permit for the spreading of sewage sludge or  
1/13/97 other biological solids unless a public hearing is held within the city or county in which the  
spreading is to occur.

Status: Assembly Desk.

LPEC Position: None at this time.

CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **AB 170 (Papan) Sponsor: Citicorp**

Subject: **Claims Against the State**

Intro: Would specify that interest penalty fee provisions in contracts may not be waived, altered,  
1/28/97 or limited by a State agency or the person or business contracting with the State agency.

Status: Assembly Desk.

LPEC Position: None at this time.

CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **AB 175 (Torlakson) Sponsor: Author**

Subject: **Environmental Quality**

Intro: Would authorize a lead agency to consider, among other things, previously completed local  
1/28/97 and regional planning documents, site availability, and jurisdictional boundaries, in  
determining the feasibility of a project alternatives when preparing and certifying a California  
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) report.

Status: Assembly Desk.

LPEC Position: None at this time.

CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **AB 179 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author**  
Subject: **Public Records**  
Intro: Would provide that public records that are in an electronic format shall, unless prohibited by  
1/30/97 law, be made available in an that format when requested to do by a member of the public  
and that direct costs of duplicating public records shall include the costs associated with  
duplicating electronic records.  
Status: Assembly Desk.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

### Senate Bills

Bill No: **SB 58 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author**  
Subject: **State Agencies Legislation**  
Intro: Would require every State agency that may be significantly affected by a bill to prepare an  
12/6/96 analysis of the bill and deliver that analysis to the bill's author and each policy committee  
set to hear that bill no later than seven calendar days prior to the first hearing in that  
committee.  
Status: Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 74 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Newspaper Publishers Association**  
Subject: **Records**  
Intro: Would provide for ease of access to and public inspection of public records and copying in  
12/12/96 all forms.  
Amended:  
1/30/97  
Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 95 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author**  
Subject: **Open Meetings**  
Intro: Among other things, would provide state bodies may hold open and closed meetings by  
12/19/96 teleconference until 1/1/2001; and would include provisions relating to taping meetings,  
meeting agendas and notices, accessibility to disabled persons, etc.  
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 2/11/97.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 105 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author**  
Subject: **Water Quality: Contamination**  
Intro: Would require all state and local public agencies to notify the public whenever the  
12/24/96 agencies become aware of the occurrence of an act that has caused the contamination of  
the waters of California.  
Status: Double-referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and the Senate Criminal  
Procedure Committee.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 130 (Thompson) Sponsor: Senate Budget Committee**  
Subject: **1997-98 Budget**  
Intro: Would make an appropriation for support of state government for support of state  
1/9/97 government for the 1997-98 fiscal year.  
Status: Referred to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 179 (Hughes) Sponsor: Glass Packaging Institute**  
Subject: **Processing Fees**  
Intro: Would make nonsubstantive technical changes in California Beverage Container  
1/22/97 Recycling and Litter Reduction Act provisions relating to imposition of processing fees.  
Status: Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 209 (Kopp) Sponsor: Law Revision Commission**  
Subject: **Judicial Review: Governmental Agency Actions**  
Intro: Would repeal and add provisions relating to governing judicial review of decisions of state  
1/28/97 agencies, local agencies, public corporations, and specified nongovernmental entities  
(hospital boards, etc.).  
Status: Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

Bill No: **SB 216 (Brulte) Sponsor: Author**  
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**  
Intro: Would make technical changes in provisions relating to the restructuring of the electrical  
1/29/97 services industry.  
Status: Senate Committee on Rules for policy committee assignment.  
LPEC Position: None at this time.  
CIWMB Position: None at this time.

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### ***Department of Conservation/Bottle Bill***

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### ***Fiscal (Budgets, Fees and Revenues)***

AB 107 (Ducheny)      1997-98 Budget

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### ***Government Procurement/Waste Management***

AB 84 (Woods)      State Contracts: Procurement of Recycled Paper Products

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### ***Public Records***

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### ***Water***

SB 105 (Ayala)      Water Quality: Contamination

## **Federal Legislation**

### **HR 277 (Schumer, D-NY)**

#### **Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1997**

Would increase penalties and strengthen enforcement of environmental crimes.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Judiciary, Commerce, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Resources.

### **HR 316 (Solomon, R-NY)**

#### **Hazardous Waste Recycling Tax Credit Act of 1997**

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable income tax credit for the recycling of hazardous waste.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **HR 360 (Towns, D-NY)**

#### **Waste Export and Import Prohibition Act**

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the international export and import of certain solid waste.

Status: Introduced on January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

### **S 8 (Smith, Robert C., R-NH)**

#### **Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997**

Would reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980. The bill would streamline cleanups, delegate authority to states and exempt all generators and transporters at co-disposal landfills, or those that mainly receive municipal solid waste and sewage sludge, for conduct prior to January 1, 1997.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S 18 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)**

#### **Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997**

Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs. The bill would authorize \$10 million in grants for states and local governments to inventory and assess brownfield sites. Additionally, it would authorize \$15 million in grants for states to establish and capitalize low interest loan programs to clean up the sites and would limit the potential liability of innocent buyers of brownfields.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S 215 (Jeffords, R-VT)**

#### **National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997**

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs.

Status: Introduced on January 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**S 237 (Bumpers, D-AR)**

**Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1997**

Would provide for retail competition among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from solar, wind, waste, except municipal waste, biomass, hydroelectric or geothermal resources.

Status: Introduced on January 30, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.